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### HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

A well-attended meeting of the Arlington Historical Society was held in Pleasant Hall, Maple street, last Monday evening, January 2. After the transaction of routine business, the president, Mr. E. S. Fessenden, presented Mr. George V. Wellington, who read a most instructive and entertaining paper entitled "An old house and what became of it." The house in question belonged to the Rev. Samuel Cook, who was the first minister of Arlington, and formerly occupied the site upon which the Congregational Church parsonage on Maple street now stands, facing on Pleasant street. After the forming of the First Parish Church of this town, the members extended a call to Rev. Samuel Cook, who accepted the same.

On May 12, 1740, Mr. Cook purchased one acre of land, comprising in part the present estates of Mrs. G. A. Swan, Mrs. Wiggin, Mr. Myron Taylor, Mr. Robbins, and the land on which the Congregational parsonage stands, and, with the help of his people, the house was raised. Mr. Cook then returned to Hadley for a wife for his new home. His first wife died in a year or two, and he married again. All of his eleven children were born in this house. Of these children Hannah Gibbs married Henry Bradshaw of Watertown, and in time the property passed into the hands of her descendants. On the memorable 19th of April, 1775, the house was fired on by the British upon their retreat from Lexington, the occupants probably flying to the hills in the rear, as they escaped injury. Two of the old shutters, in which the bullet holes can still be seen, are preserved in the Robbins Library, as is also a window sash, upon the frames of which are scratched with a diamond the name of some of the occupants.

On June 4, 1783, the Rev. Mr. Cook died, and the estate was left to his daughter, Miss Mary Cook, known as "Aunt Cook," who kept a fashionable boarding house, and had many distinguished people as her guests. Dr. Timothy Wellington boarded there from the time he first came to town until his marriage. On the death of Miss Cook the house descended to Miss Anna Bradshaw, a daughter of Henry Bradshaw and Hannah Gibbs Cook. Mr. Wellington spoke most interestingly of Miss Bradshaw, whom he had known intimately, and told several stories illustrating her kindness. Miss Bradshaw was a firm believer in the faith of which her ancestor, Rev. Samuel Cook, had been the first expounder in this town, and when, in 1842, the Pleasant Street Congregational Church was formed, she became deeply interested in the organization, and gave them the land on which to build their church, another acre having been added to the original lot in "Aunt Cook's" time by the purchase of the land on which Mr. Wellington's and Dr. Reed's houses and the aforesaid church now stand. In 1860 Mr. Wellington rented part of the old house, and Dr. Wellington's successor, the late Dr. R. S. Hodgdon, had his first office there.

On Miss Bradshaw's death, on Nov. 30, 1869, she willed the entire property in trust to the Congregational Society. After her death the old house was sold at auction for \$125, the church reserving the brick, some of which were used in building the present parsonage on Maple street. The building was removed to the rear of what is now 60 Warren street, and made over into a three-tenement house. It stood here for about ten years, and on the morning of Dec. 19, 1881, at about half-past two o'clock, caught fire and was burned to the ground.

At the close of his remarks Mr. Wellington presented the society with a photograph of the historic structure, taken just before it was moved away, and a lease was given by Miss Bradshaw to Thomas Hogan, for a twenty-year tenure, of a part of the land in the rear of the house. A vote of thanks was given him by the society for his able and interesting paper.

### QUIET HOME WEDDING.

GANNETT-DUPEE.

The home of Mrs. E. A. Dupee, 10 Central street, was the scene of a quiet home wedding on Wednesday January 4th, when her only daughter Miss Mary Lyman was united in marriage to Mr. Charles Henry Gannett. The ceremony was performed at high noon by the Rev. Charles H. Watson, D. D., in the presence of the immediate relatives of the contracting parties. The bride was attired in her travelling costume, and the greatest simplicity was preserved throughout. After the happy couple had received the congratulations of those present, a wedding breakfast was served by Caterer Hardy, in his best style. Mr. and Mrs. Gannett then left for a brief wedding tour.

The Art Class will meet at Miss Robins home. Friday afternoon, January 6 at 4 o'clock.

Gentleman's night will occur Thursday evening, January 12 at 8 o'clock in Town Hall. Mr. F. Hopkinson Smith will read selections from his books

For the last six years, or ever since the building was opened, Mrs. Gannett has had charge of the reading room in Robbins Library, and has made many friends, all of whom will join in wishing her every happiness.

Mr. Gannett also is well known in the town, having been one of the civil engineers employed when the sewer was being built. Upon their return the young couple will make their home at Central street.

### PROSPEROUS CLUB.

The first annual meeting of the Arlington Whist and Cycle Club was held in the club room in P. O. Building last Wednesday evening. President Frank P. Winn presided. After the approval of the secretary's and treasurer's reports it was voted to change the date of ladies' night to the second Monday in each month, the change to take effect after Feb. 1, 1899. An appropriation for whist prizes was granted, and it was also voted to discontinue the use of the small room at the head of the stairs for a whist room, and to rent one of the larger rooms in the building for this purpose. It was voted to hold the annual supper on the next ladies' night, Wednesday evening, Jan. 11. Mr. N. J. Hardy will cater for this affair, and a pleasant evening is assured to all. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Prest.—Mr. Frank P. Winn.  
Vice-Prest.—Mr. T. G. Kaulbeck.  
Sec.—Mr. F. G. Sandford.  
Treas.—Mr. W. G. Greenleaf.  
Executive Com.—The above officers, together with Mr. N. J. Hardy and Mr. J. E. Langen.

Pool Com.—Mr. Charles Winn, Mr. J. E. Langen and Mr. F. C. Morrow.  
Bicycle Directors—Mr. J. E. Langen, Mr. R. C. Jordan and Mr. Fred McLeod.

The directors elected the following officers for bicycle runs:

Capt.—Mr. James Underwood.  
1st Lieut.—Mr. Frank Russell.  
2nd Lieut.—Mr. E. S. Chapman.  
Whist Com.—Mr. W. P. Hardy, Mr. T. G. Kaulbeck and Mr. J. Fred McLeod.

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### BOAT CLUB NOTES.

The subscription concert at the club, Monday, came off as scheduled. A good-sized audience assembled. The Euterpe, Mandolin, Banjo and Harp Club furnished a most excellent program. The banjo solo by Mr. Rice was excellent, and the duet by Mr. Rice and Mr. Long was of the best, while the orchestral selections were certainly fine. It is a long time since the club has had such a treat of kind, each and every one of the gentlemen taking part being an artist.

On Tuesday evening team 9 defeated team 5 by the following score:

	1	2	3	Ttl
B. Rankin,	163	170	201	534
H. Wheeler,	188	184	160	532
H. Allen,	191	163	178	532
Russell,	125	104	161	390
Hunton,	124	100	112	336
Total,	791	721	812	2324
Team 5.				
Homer,	181	169	120	470
Kirsch,	210	155	162	527
Damon,	150	153	143	446
Prescott,	143	144	144	431
Perham,	100	100	100	300
Total,	784	721	669	2174

Wednesday evening teams 1 and 4 rolled a close game resulting as follows:

	Team 4.
Childs,	163
Rugg,	172
Wood,	135
Nichols,	135
Brockaway,	149
Total,	754
Team 4.	843
Anshelm,	170
Gray,	175
Fowle,	104
Homer,	153
Puffer,	162
Total,	761
Arlington.	719
Charlestown.	763
Ingraham,	235
Southwell,	120
Noyes,	129
Caldwell,	159
Marston,	157
Total,	800
Arlington.	852
Charlestown.	869
Anshelm,	170
Stevens,	158
Rankin,	128
Rugg,	174
Whittemore,	163
Total,	793
Charlestown.	772
Arlington.	777

The match game with Charlestown last Thursday evening was an easy win for the visiting team, and chiefly remarkable for the fine bowling of Mr. W. F. Ingraham of Charlestown. He succeeded in establishing a new three-string individual record for the season of 633, twenty-two pins better than the previous record held by Legate of the Boston Athletic Association, and he rolled the entire game with bat one missed spare and two breaks. For A. B. C., Rugg did the best work, having a total of 514, with two missed spares and four breaks. The score:

	Team 1.
Childs,	163
Rugg,	172
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Nichols,	135
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Mercury was about froze up Monday morning. It dropped to 10 below.

Don't forget the cake sale at the Universalist Church this afternoon. The cooking is first-class. Admission free.

A feature at the wedding reception which follows the marriage of Miss Bassett to Mr. B. B. Varney next Wednesday evening will be the music. All the musical arrangements have been left in the hands of Mr. William Bendix, who with his orchestra containing many well known Boston artists, will render a fine programme of classical selections.

A very pleasant social dancing party was held in Town Hall on New Year's eve, under the auspices of the "Together Club." It was what is known as a shirt waist party, the gentlemen wearing business suits, or black suits with summer ties, there being very few dress suits in evidence; while the ladies, for the most part, wore shirt waists and duck skirts. A unique method of finding partners for the grand march was the matching of cut playing cards, the gentlemen drawing from one basket, the ladies from another. The party, which was most informal, was attended mainly by Arlington people, and there were many square dances on the order. Louis Poole furnished the music, and Hardy served some delicious ice cream and cake.

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## ANNOUNCEMENT.

We have only consented to assume the editorial management of the Arlington Enterprise, after having well and long surveyed the ground from which the financial support of the paper must

This is not our first experience in the initiative of a weekly journal, so we come to know something of the dash and pull required for the successful issue and continuance of a live paper in the world of journalism. It is a sort of fundamental truth that whatever is new is always regarded with more or less suspicion. The prophet and seer, who are invariably found in every community, more frequently than otherwise, will predict the failure of any new enterprise; and this comes about in a natural way, for whatever is new in the line of individual experience comes in the form of a problem to be solved, and its solution will inevitably cause the ominous shake of many a head which has not taken in the conditions and surroundings of the work to be done. But, as we have already said, we have thoroughly looked over the ground which the Enterprise proposes to occupy, and we think we know something of the temper and spirit of the people who we hope will become, at an early day, our patrons. To succeed, and we do not question that we shall, we must have the individual help of the people of this and surrounding villages. To secure that help we are quite aware that there are certain demands which we must meet. In the first place we must give the public a weekly paper that shall contain the local and current news of the hour. And then, in addition all this, the editorials of a weekly print should be expressed in such form that will give them an educational value. And then the columns of a newspaper, if up to date, will always be open for the full and free discussion of all topics relating to the public interests. Women's rights as well as men's rights must be discussed therein. The churches and the schools, together with the educating and moulding influences of the home, must not escape the careful and studious attention of him who would successfully wield the editorial pen. The sanitary conditions of the home-locality rightly come within the watchful care of the local paper. The improvements of the public streets must always have a fair share of the printed column, and the same is true of every interest belonging to the locality in which the local paper is published.

The Enterprise, as we learn from the publisher and proprietor, Mr. Gray, and from others, is having a promising beginning. Neither time nor downright hard work will be spared in making this paper what its readers most desire. We enter upon our editorial duties with no misgivings of the future. We promise all we have to give, in return for which we shall hope to receive that aid and encouragement without which no undertaking in business life can succeed.

WILSON PALMER.

## THE PLEASURES OF LIFE."

We have been delighted and instructed in reading, during the past week, the unique little book entitled "The Pleasures of Life," by Sir John Lubbock. While all its chapters are replete with common sense and fundamental truths, we have been especially attracted by what the author has to say on "education" and on "home." We commend the following paragraph to the Arlington Woman's Club: "Our great mistake in education is, as it seems to me, the worship of book-learning—the confusion of instruction and education. We strain the memory instead of cultivating the mind. The children in our elementary schools are wearied by the mechanical art of writing and the innumerable intricacies of spelling. They are oppressed by columns of dates which convey no definite idea to their minds, and have no near relation to their daily wants and occupations. We ought to follow exactly the opposite course with children—to give them a wholesome variety of mental food, and endeavor to cultivate their tastes, rather than to fill their minds with dry facts. The important thing is not so much that every child should be taught as that every child be given the wish to learn. What does it matter if the pupil knew a little more or a little less? A boy who leaves school, knowing much, but hating his lessons, will soon have forgotten almost all he ever learned; while another who had acquired a thirst for knowledge, even if he had learned little, would soon teach himself more than the first ever knew. Children are by nature eager for information. They are always putting questions. This ought to be encouraged. In fact, we may, to a great extent, trust to their in-

stincts, and in that case they will do much to educate themselves."

We have always insisted that the children are, or should be, largely our teachers. Their natural, simple way is the key to all intellectual or mental inquiry. But the moment the boys and girls get out of the kindergarten then the mischief begins. Whenever or wherever one sees the ponderous machinery of our public schools in full working order, then it will be almost invariably observed that the natural way of the child is blocked and all things reversed.

Lubbock puts this whole matter in a nutshell when he declares that, "the love of learning is of far greater value than learning itself."

This enlarged capacity to receive is worth infinitely more than all that can be poured or stuffed into the minds of children or older grown. Our schools can never do the work they ought to do until they "right about face." But read what the author of this little book from which we have quoted has to say of this whole subject of education, and do not skip his chapter on "home." Indeed, read the twenty-three subjects which he discusses in so charming a way. We are sure that your "amen" will come promptly in answer to what he so well states as basal truths.

## HIGH STREET IN 1890.

It was immediately upon our graduation at Dartmouth College, in 1863, that we came to Arlington to take charge of what was then known as the High Street Grammar School. We may as well confess at once that it was with no little misgiving that we entered upon our duties as instructor of the boys and girls in that part of the village, for we had heard, and they will excuse us for saying it after so long a while, that to train at that time the youth of High street in the way they should go, would always be attended with more or less difficulty. It had somehow gotten current in those early days that some of the boys in that district were not greatly in love with school life, and so preferred to be on the streets rather than under the watchful eye of the schoolmaster. An older brother of ours, was at that time principal of the grammar school at the center, and never shall we forget how he said to us on the morning we began our work as teacher, "Never fail to make your lowest bow to the crowd you will always find lingering about the Eureka House." There was sound philosophy in the advice. It costs but little to make a bow of recognition and say, "thank you," and these courteous acts always go far in making friends of those who might otherwise prove themselves, to say the least, troublesome and annoying. At any rate we never went up and down High street while we were principal of the school without making our most graceful and lowest bow to any and all whom we chanced to meet or pass, and we believe to this day that this invariable recognition of ours did much to make our three years' stay on High street an enjoyable one. Yes, an "enjoyable one," we repeat, for in all our subsequent teaching we never found more loyal pupils than were our High street boys and girls. It will be our purpose at an early date to write up some of our individual experiences in that school, so that should the High street youth of 1860 and 1863 find their names in the columns of the Enterprise they need not be surprised, for to write of the school as we remember it, and leave out the names of the pupils, would be over again "the play of Hamlet with Hamlet left out."

Our chief object in this reminiscent word of the High Street Grammar School is to properly, and respectfully recognize the fact, that after an absence of thirty-five years we return to this same locality to take up and continue that educational work in which we have been, in one form or another, actively interested for so long a while. We now are to meet the fathers and mothers, as well as the children, face to face, so that it will be our highest ambition to have our lesson so well learned that no one of our readers shall get ahead of us in the work to be done.

## OUR SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

Our subscription list has been constantly growing from the first issue of the Enterprise. Now that we have at the head of our columns the name of the proprietor and publisher, and that of the editor, we shall hope to receive many new names to be forthwith added to our list of readers. The Enterprise at one dollar a year should reach every family in Arlington. These columns, as we have already promised, are to represent honest, faithful work in the department of newspaperdom. We cannot reasonably expect to please everybody, and yet we do expect to meet the average demands, in a journalistic way, of an intelligent majority.

Our aim shall constantly be an honest expression of opinion upon all current subjects. More than this shall we attempt, for it shall be our constant endeavor to assist and lead, so far as we may be able, in every laudable enterprise. It must not be forgotten that we reserve the individual right to have our full say upon all matters of a local nature, as well as upon those of a more public character. All this we shall do, even at the imminent risk of here and there creating unfavorable criticism.

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risky business, for most men and women are especially sensitive concerning everything belonging to their locality; but all the same we shall discuss them in these columns, while we accord the same right to our readers. The Enterprise shall prove itself an ally to all that is commendable and right, and a persistent foe to all that is wrong. We shall not hesitate to assume an aggressive way of doing things whenever the occasion demands. Now send in your dollar for one year's subscription to the Enterprise. Address Enterprise, 620 Massachusetts Avenue. It is our present purpose to double the size of this paper ere many months have passed, and at the same time to correspondingly increase our subscription price. Meanwhile send us your dollar.

## IT IS EMINENTLY PROPER.

It is eminently proper that we should write a word of Mr. F. H. Gray, the publisher and proprietor of this paper. Mr. Gray has so long been a resident of Arlington that her people have come to know him personally and well. A man of temperate and industrious habits, he has always entered with a zest into that work which has been his to do. He has ever shown himself ready and willing for the faithful performance of any duty which fell in his way. Not only this, for his love of industry has always kept him busy.

Mr. Gray is reliable in all his business ways, so that he may be depended upon in every instance. Interested in everything which interests Arlington, he cannot well fail in his business management of the Enterprise, to bring encouragement and aid to whatever shall prove itself of substantial value to this locality. Mr. Gray deserves the best of his adopted village. Do not fail to come to his aid in his new journalistic enterprise, in the success of which the editor is interested as well as the proprietor.

## TO OUR BUSINESS MEN.

To you, business men, here in Arlington, we make an appeal for a fair share of your advertising. We ask you for nothing for which we shall not make you an adequate return. All political economy teaches the advantages coming from patronizing home industries. It is one of the leading articles in our business creed that our home merchants should largely receive the patronage of their home locality. Why go to Boston when you can purchase in this village the same quality of goods for the same price as in the city? Expend your money where you reside. You, business men, will find the Enterprise an excellent medium through which to make your business known. Send in your advertisements. Our rates are reasonable and our paper is read.

## THE YEAR 1899.

The year 1899 is fairly upon us, with all its high resolves. For the most part we all start out right; now let us see that we keep right. It must not be forgotten that the best of resolutions amount to nothing unless they are wrought out in practical life in deeds that go far in uplifting and making better all human kind. Our best wishes and prayers must be underscored by an intense doing. The year 1899 will be to us, just what we make it.

We hope to keep ourselves in such close touch with our public schools that we shall be able to give each week information of the same to our immediate reading public. To this end, will the teachers in the several schools of the town, keep us posted upon all that is latest and most important in their individual work? Remember that the Enterprise belongs to the people, and so it is from all of them that we wish to hear.

The inauguration of Governor Roosevelt in Albany, on Monday, was a brilliant affair. But then, anything with which the gallant Teddy has to do, becomes necessarily distinguished for its brilliancy, for the colonel is in himself a star of the first magnitude. Governor Roosevelt starts out with the promise of a successful state administration.

All letters having reference to the business of this office should be addressed to the publisher and proprietor of the Enterprise, while all communications for publication, and those having to do with the make-up of the paper, should be addressed to the editor, 620 Massachusetts Avenue.

Will those having items of local interest please send such to this office as early as Friday morning of each week? We shall greatly appreciate your help in this direction. We desire that these columns shall contain the latest local news.

The recent message of Mayor Quincy to the city government of Boston was elegant in phraseology, and unmistakably suggestive in its recommendations. It is true always and everywhere that "blood tells."

The State Legislature is again in working order, with Governor Wolcott still at the helm.

The stars and stripes have taken a long stride within the past week. Long may she wave over the land of the free and the home of the brave.

## ODDS AND ENDS.

Don't all start at once to join the Hundred Years Club.

Extended empire, like expanded gold.

Exchange's solid strength for feeble splendor.—Dr. Johnson.

"Youth is drunkenness without wine."—Goethe. There was much of this kind of drunkenness in town on Christmas day.

Victor Hugo is said to have locked up his clothes while writing "Notre-Dame," so that he might not escape from it till the last word was written.

In consideration of the anticipated important commercial relations with our oriental cousins, our school committees should immediately consider the expediency of introducing into our schools the study of the Filipino language.

Will that High School pupil kindly inform Veritas what is that form of matter that is the most attenuated, ethereal, and nearest to nothing of any we know?

Also please to state what important part, if any, it plays in chemistry, and whether or not it exists elsewhere than on our planet?

Doubtless many of our readers would like to know the extent to which the milkman adulterates the milk that is served to us. The following estimate comes from the best authority: "The average per centage of pure milk, in the adulterated article with which cities are supplied is 73.28; or in other words, for every three quarts of pure milk, there is added one quart of water." It is useless to preach to the milkman on the morals of the milk-trade, or to exhort him to raise his practice to the standard of pure and absolute rectitude, for, even if he should repent, he is pretty sure to backslide.

There are those who contend that Newton's laws of motion have no *a priori* warrant and that Newton's Principia is but a labored *a posteriori* argument. This is a radical misconception of the whole matter. Newton did not offer them as hypotheses, but he expressly calls them "axioms." He states them as *truths* to be accepted *a priori*, from which follow consequences which must therefore be accepted. The Principia was not a published "proof" of the existence of these laws, but a treatise on the *application* of these laws. This has long been a stumbling block with teachers who have tried (in vain of course) to demonstrate that which is impossible to demonstrate. Physical axioms are not derivable from experiment. Too many teachers seem to think that the proof of all physical laws consists in showing that, by assuming their truth, we can explain observed phenomena. In a similarly absurd manner have I found teachers treating the property of "impenetrability." Instead of dealing with the fact that "no two bodies can occupy the same space at the same time"—which is no less axiomatic than the statement that "no body can be in two places at the same time"—as an axiom, they prefer to treat it as an hypothesis and demonstrate its validity by a long series of experiments which tend to leave the impression in the pupil's mind that there must be "room for doubt" else the teacher would not try so hard to prove the existence of impenetrability. Now will that High School pupil kindly inform Veritas whether or not Newton discovered the force of gravitation, and whether the tale of the "falling apple" was fact or fiction?

Jason street received its name from Mr. Jason Russell, who lived and died in the (now) old house at the junction of Jason street and Massachusetts Avenue on the lot of land now owned by Hon. James A. Bailey Jr. Mr. Russell's daughter married Mr. Thomas H. Teel; and his farm, through which the larger portion of Jason street extends, passed by inheritance into the hands of the latter and was subsequently known as the Teel farm. A very tragic affair occurred in the aforesaid house on April 19, 1775 a large number of inoffensive persons, principally women and children, learning of the approach of the British gathered in their fright in this house. The Hessians, for such they were, entered the house and thrust a bayonet through Mr. Russell while sitting in his chair. He was 80 years old, and it is superfluous to say was offering no resistance even in look or speech. The Hessians also massacred eleven other persons in the same room. Several persons who had the forethought to secrete themselves in the cellar escaped unharmed. It seems strange that the Town of Arlington has never taken any measures to secure this house and preserve it as a most interesting relic of the most important epoch of our national history. Veritas earnestly commends this matter to the serious attention of the Arlington Historical Society with the additional suggestion that this Society take steps toward having a suitable tablet placed upon the house.

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## ARLINGTON LOCALS.

"Give me a calendar, mister," is the prevailing cry nowadays.

Mr. E. C. Woods returned last Tuesday from a very enjoyable gunning trip to Duxbury, Mass.

Installation of Veritas Lodge, U. O. of L. O. I., Wednesday evening, in G. A. R. Hall. A full meeting is desired.

Thus far there has been quite a change in the business firms in town, and the chances are more will follow.

Mr. Edward A. Knowlton is out again after his severe sickness. It will be some time before he will fully recover.

Mrs. W. D. Higgins has been very sick with the grippe, but her friends are pleased to know she is recovering.

Grippe seems to be quite prevalent in town this week, probably owing to the disagreeable weather of last Friday and Saturday.

How in the name of Sam Jones can we take news from others when they don't have it. We have local news each week that only appears in the columns of the Enterprise.

The Young Ladies' Mission Circle connected with the Baptist Church meets this (Saturday) afternoon at the house of Miss H. Priscilla Russell, 1108 Massachusetts avenue.

The Baptist Endeavor Society will meet in the vestry next Sunday evening at 6.30. "Come unto me," a precious invitation, is the topic. Bible reference, Matt. ii., 25, 30. Warren L. Russell will lead the meeting.

Mr. Samuel H. Smith and family, of Academy street, have safely arrived in Colorado, and are already well settled in a pleasant home for the winter. Mr. Smith writes to his home relatives that he is much improved in health.

It is now '99. Possibly you are in need of a new rubber dating stamp or a new seal press. If you are, C. C. Hoffman & Co., 73 Hanover street, Boston, will do the work for you cheaply. They do the town work, which is a guarantee. Try them.

Caldwell, the furniture man, did a large business Christmas week. He informs us the Enterprise was a great factor in this sale to draw trade to the store. His stock is a large one and varied. All the latest furniture and house-keeping supplies.

Many owners of fast horses in town took advantage of the fine sleighing of Tuesday afternoon, and considerable speeding was indulged in on Pleasant street, between Brighton street, Belmont and the center. There were several fast brushes, and all enjoyed the fine day and the bracing air.

The Kitson Hydro-Carbon Heating and Incandescent Light Co. erected one of their lights on Pleasant street this week, and an exhibition of the same was promised Tuesday night. For some reason the light went out on that evening, but on Wednesday and Thursday nights it was lighted, and elicited several quite favorable comments about town.

Mr. Harold L. Frost has just purchased the interest of Mr. E. A. White in the florist business, which they have recently carried on under the name of White & Frost. The business will be conducted in the future by H. L. Frost & Co. Their office will be at Nichol's periodical store, as formerly, and prompt attention will be paid to all orders.

Mr. Ernest Moore, who leases his father's farm on Broadway, has been awarded two prizes by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, the first prize being for forced vegetables, and the second for best market vegetable garden. He was also awarded many individual first prizes for high-grade vegetables during the season by the same society. Mr. Moore is to be congratulated on this recognition of his labors in this direction.

Last Sunday afternoon, as announced only in the Enterprise, the meeting called to form a Veteran Fireman's Association in this town assembled in the parlor of William Penn Hose No. 3. Owing to the severe cold and bad going the attendance was not a large one, but what was lacking in numbers was made up in enthusiasm. Some sixteen responded to the invitation. At four o'clock the meeting was called to order, Chief Charles Gott being made chairman, and J. S. Kenney, secretary, both offices being made pro tem until another regular meeting could be called and regular officers chosen. A motion was made by Capt. T. J. Donahue that an association be formed, to be known as the Veteran Fireman's Association of Arlington, and was so carried. Mr. J. J. Robinson was made temporary treasurer. A committee of five was appointed to investigate into the condition of the old "Eureka" hand-engine and report at the next meeting the cost of repairs, etc. The chair appointed Messrs. Melville Haskell, D. J. Sullivan, T. J. Donahue, G. L. Austin and George Hill. After instructing the secretary to notify the signers on the list, and making the date of the next meeting Friday, Jan. 13, at 7.30 o'clock, the meeting adjourned. So don't forget that the next meeting will be next Friday evening at 7.30. Let there be a full house. There is a chance for a good association here.

Don't miss the entertainment at the Unitarian vestry Jan. 20. The plays, "She Stoops to Conquer."

Mr. and Mrs. E. Nelson Blake hope to leave town on Wednesday of next week for their annual visit to Florida.

Medical Examiner Swan will commence the investigation on the death of the late F. L. Diman, Tuesday, at the Cambridge Municipal Court.

The Alter Guild will meet with Mrs. F. S. Mead, 1026 Mass. ave., Monday, January 9, at 3 p. m. As this is the annual meeting it is hoped all the members will attend.

A Camp 45 is invited at the installation of Corps 43 next Thursday afternoon, and Post 36 in the evening. They will take supper with these organizations in the evening.

Goldsmith's famous comedy "She Stoops to Conquer" will be given in the Unitarian vestry, on Friday January 20, at 7.45 p.m. Admission 35 cents. Tickets for safe at O. W. Whittemore's.

The regular church social of the Pleasant street Congregational Church will be held next Wednesday evening Feb. 11. Supper will be served at seven o'clock, as usual, and there will be an entertainment provided.

This week has been observed as the week of prayer at the Baptist Church. A woman's meeting was held on Monday afternoon, and regular prayer meetings on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings.

Post 2 of South Boston could not have chosen a better officer to install their officers than Past-Conf. A. H. Knowles. He always has his ritual work at. Quite a delegation of Post 36 went with him Tuesday evening, and they all say they had a delightful time.

Woman's Relief Corps, 43, have their installation next Thursday afternoon, and Post 36 will hold theirs in the evening. At six o'clock there will be a supper. The post have secured Sir Vice-Com. J. E. Gillman as the installing officer.

Mr. Russell, who for more than 23 years has driven a team for Worthington's bakery of Medford, and has become a familiar figure on our streets and in our stores, will retire at the end of this week. Mr. Worthington will put on a new team direct from the bakery in his place.

Mrs. George F. Gannett and Miss Addie Gannett of Augusta, Me., are visiting at the home of Mrs. E. A. Dupee, on Central street. They came to Arlington to be present at the marriage of Mr. Charles H. Gannett to Miss Mary L. Dupee, mention of which will be found elsewhere.

Next Tuesday evening will occur the High School concert. If you have not bought a ticket do so. It will be worth the price of admission and more beside. The boys are meeting with good success in disposing of their tickets. The Tufts Glee, Mandolin and Guitar Club have prepared an excellent programme.

The Arlington Improvement Association will hold a public meeting in Town Hall next Monday evening, Jan. 9, at eight o'clock. The topic for discussion will be street lighting, and representatives of various companies controlling different systems will be present and explain their methods. This is a very important question, which the town will soon be called upon to decide, and all who desire to more fully understand the different methods proposed should make an earnest effort to be present.

Bethel Lodge, No. 12, I. O. O. F., held its installation Wednesday evening, and the following officers, as printed in the Enterprise only, were duly installed. The new officers have a bright future for the year. Three candidates are about to make out their application for membership. The first year has been a prosperous one. The officers installed were:

Noble Grand, Herbert Clerk. Vice-Grand, Edgar W. Harrod. Secretary, Charles S. Richardson. Fin. Secretary, Charles W. Bunker. Treasurer, Nathaniel E. Whittier. Trustee for 3 years, George Hill.

Next Wednesday evening occurs the installation of the newly-elected officers of Arlington Council, 109, K. of C., at their hall on Massachusetts avenue. The committee in charge of the arrangements request a full attendance of the members. There will be a collation and short entertainment after the installation ceremonies. District Deputy Sheehan is to be the installing officer, and he will be attended by his suite. The members anticipate a pleasant evening.

The regular meeting of the Arlington High School Debating Club was held in the school building yesterday afternoon at three o'clock. The question for discussion was, "Resolved that the present jury system should be abolished." The speakers were: Affirmative, Arthur S. Marston and Harold Fay; negative, Louis A. Moore and Daniel J. Buckley. The jury, consisting of Roger Homer, Herbert L. Kidder and William J. Hyde, decided that the negative had the better of the discussion. The following list of officers was elected for the next six months:

Prest.—Jules E. White. Vice-Prest.—Daniel J. Buckley. Sec.—William J. Hyde. Treas.—Louis A. Moore. Standing Com.—George E. Barratt and Jules E. White.

The High School boys are hustling to sell tickets for their concert which occurs Tuesday evening, January 10.

The steam radiators in the centre railroad station have been neatly gilded the past week.

A very successful meeting of the Cooperative Bank was held last Tuesday evening, about \$11,000 being sold.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Atherton of 21 Central street, will regret to learn, that while their daughter Minette who has been so seriously ill with typhoid malaria is slowly improving, the younger child Marion, has been attacked by the same dread disease.

Mr. William H. Nolan, the local representative of the Boston Globe, leaves town next Friday, the 13th inst., for a stay of a month or more at Ashville, N. C. Mr. Nolan goes to recuperate from his late long illness and his many friends hope he will return with renewed health and strength.

The usual services will be held at St. John's Church on Sunday, at 10.30 and 6.30. The rector, the Rev. James Yeames, will preach in the morning, and the Rev. Charles J. Ketchum, of St. Paul's (formerly rector of St. John's, Arlington) in the evening.

Mrs. Carter of Melrose, who, as Miss Carrie Lawrence, was a most efficient teacher in the public schools of this town, made a short visit to friends in Arlington this week. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Bertha Lawrence.

The public schools opened again last Tuesday after the customary Christmas vacation. We trust that both teachers and scholars returned to their work with new energies as a result of their rest.

Tuesday was an ideal day for sleighing, and the great number of turn-outs seen on our streets in the afternoon showed that the devotees of the sport were making the best of their opportunity. The school children, too, were out in full force, enjoying the rather dangerous pleasures of "panning."

The playing of Mr. W. Wood, organist of the Baptist Church, at St. John's last Sunday evening was much enjoyed. Mr. Wood brought out all the capacity and variety of the really beautiful instrument, which is such a decided acquisition to the church. At the close of the service Mr. Wood played several numbers to the great delight of those present, who seemed reluctant to leave.

The regular meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E., connected with the Pleasant Street Congregational Church, will be held in the church vestry tomorrow, Jan. 8, at 6.30 p. m. The topic is: "A precious invitation." References, Matt. ii., 25, 30 and Mr. E. A. White will be the leader. All interested in the service are cordially invited to be present.

At the annual meeting of the Baptist Sunday School, held in the vestry of the church last Sunday noon, the following list of officers was elected for the ensuing year:

Supt.—Mr. W. E. Richardson. Asst. Supt.—Mr. J. Freeman Wood. Treas.—Mr. George H. Richardson. Sec.—Mr. Ellis G. Wood. Pianist—Mr. William E. Wood. Asst. Pianist—Miss Sophia W. Freeman.

Chorister—Mr. Stephen B. Wood. Aud. Com.—Mr. Franklin Wyman, Mr. Fred A. Johnson.

The installation of Charles V. Marsh Camp No. 45, S. of V., has been postponed to Jan. 24, the fourth Tuesday in the month, instead of next Tuesday, the regular meeting night. This is done so as not to conflict with the High School Athletic Association concert, as a number of the camp wish to attend. On the 24th the installing officer will be Rev. G. N. Howard, the coming colonel of the Massachusetts division the ensuing year. The post and corps have been invited to participate. Invitations have been sent to all eligible sons, so far as known, but the camp earnestly desires that all sons eligible to the order will be present. A fine collation will be served in the banquet hall. Capt. Major Bacon desires a full hall.

On last Monday evening, Jan. 2, the C. L. S. C., with friends, was entertained by Mrs. E. Nelson Blake, and a delightful evening was spent enjoying the literary treat prepared by the hostess. Miss Annabelle Parker rendered her numbers on the programme with her usual skill. Mr. Blake contributed to the entertainment in his own inimitable style, reading both humorous and serious selections very acceptably. Thoroughly enjoyable because so novel was a duet by Mrs. Blake and Miss Parker on piano and organ. The programme concluded with a scene from the Scriptures, representing Naomi entreating her daughter-in-law to leave her and return to their own kindred, in which Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Cook and Miss Cook took part. Light refreshments were served and enjoyed by all, after which Mr. C. S. Parker responded to the toast, "The Chautauqua Circle," of which he is an honorary member, giving a few words of praise to the course of reading, and speaking of its broadening influence.

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The annual meeting of the Samaritan Society connected with the Universalist Church was held last Tuesday afternoon in the vestry of the church. After the transaction of routine business the following officers were elected for 1899:

Prest.—Mrs. C. F. Coolidge. Vice Prest.—Mrs. Frank Frost. Sec.—Mrs. Fred Meade.

Treas.—Mrs. William N. Winn.

Directors—Mrs. Julia Axman, Mrs. Eliza Houstetter, Mrs. Woodbury.

Supper was served at six p. m., and at quarter of eight the annual meeting of the Sunday School was held, resulting in the election of the following list of officers for the ensuing year:

Supt.—Mr. James O. Holt.

Asst.—Mr. Henry A. Leeds.

2nd Asst.—Mrs. C. F. Coolidge.

Sec.—Mr. Louis Greene.

Treas.—Mr. L. K. Russell.

Pianist—Mr. Henry A. Leeds.

Asst.—Miss Carrie Higgins.

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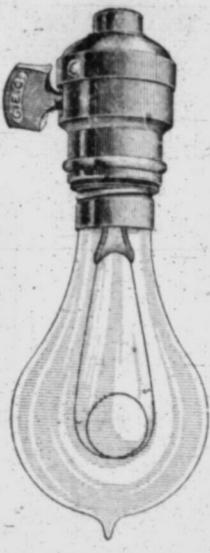
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yes a thousand fold, ratio more rapidly than two centuries ago. Civilization has but intensified the barbarities of war. We are about to adopt the tactics of our conquered foe, the Spaniards, who could compel the Aztecs to accept their civilization only at the point of the sword. We dare not trust to humanizing, philanthropic, and Christianizing agencies to carry on the work of civilization, but we must first subdue, subjugate, dominate. This is what it is to civilize, "to place under civil, as opposed to military, control"? Standing armies are the manifestations of the necessity of the use of brute force in place of moral force in the settlement of disputes. Surely rational beings who retain the most irrational practices concerning the simplest principles of social life ought not to boast of what we, in common parlance, are pleased to call civilization. It is with faces abashed that we, at the close of the most "unnecessary and wicked war" that history has recorded, should maintain that morality, commerce, literature, education, and civilization, are opposed to war-like spirit.

Bishop Butler is reported to have once turned upon his secretary with the alarming inquiry, "Why might not large bodies of men, whole communities, be seized with fits of insanity as well as individuals?" It certainly appears that there are epidemics, if not of insanity, at least of infectious folly and unreasonableness, and that such an epidemic struck this country last winter, and the name of the microbe was the "Maine." Medical authorities attest that insanity increases with the advance of civilization. On this basis only am I able to reconcile war-spirit with civilization.

VERITAS.

SPELLING REFORM.

I wish to say a few more words about spelling reform before dismissing the subject. No one will deny that our spelling is irrational, full of incongruities, contradictions, riddles, and sphinx-puzzles; that it is a practice which, in the first place, calls for no exercise of the reasoning faculty; and, second, it is an exercise which continually violates the dictates of reasoning. The minds of unschooled children are eager for facts and the reasons of them; and they are not satisfied with a reason till they see it, force. But after they have been schooled through the inconsequential mysteries of the spelling book, where a reason has less chance of living than a mouse in a vacuum, they are ready to swallow anything the book or the teacher says, with a leaden acquiescence. The pupil who should spell a word as reason dictates is regarded as a subject for discipline. On the other hand the pupil that can bring his mind nearest in harmony with an irrational system, can go on perpetrating absurdities the longest without failing, wins prizes and applause. This certainly cannot conduce to good mental habits, rather does it lead to pernicious mental habits. The age at which the child begins to learn to spell is the most critical stage of mental unfolding. At this age the child is, as it were, taken out of Nature, out of the world of real objects and relations, and immersed in the school where irrational mental practices are arbitrarily enforced, and the school-room becomes a mental-slaughter house of the innocents. About twenty-eight years ago the old-time spelling match was revived as a fad in New England. A series of "matches" were held in Music Hall, Boston. A graduate of one of our New England colleges won the first prize at two of these contests. In every thing relating to worldly affairs he was the most impractical man I ever knew.

The American Philological Association, which embraces in its membership some of the most eminent scholars in English philology, in 1876 adopted and published the following report in favor of a reform in English spelling:

1. The true and sole office of alphabetic writing is faithfully and intelligibly to represent spoken speech. So-called "historical" orthography is only a concession to the weakness of prejudice.
2. The ideal of an alphabet is that every sound should have its own unvarying sign, and every sign its own unvarying sound.
3. An alphabet intended for use by a vast community need not attempt an exhaustive analysis of the elements of utterance and a representation of the nicest varieties of articulation; it may well leave room for the unavoidable play of individual and local pronunciation.
4. An ideal alphabet would seek to adopt for its character's forms which should suggest the sounds signified, and of which the resemblances should in some measure represent the similarities of the sounds. But for general practical use there is no advantage in a system which aims to depict in detail the physical processes of utterance.

5. No language has ever had, or is likely to have a perfect alphabet; and in changing and amending the mode of writing of a language already long written, regard must be had to what is practically possible, quite as much as to what is inherently desirable.

6. To prepare the way for such a change, the first step is to break down, by the combining influence of enlightened scholars and of practical educators, the immense and stubborn prejudice which regards the established modes of spelling almost as constituting the language, as having a sacred character, as in themselves preferable to others. All agitation

and all definite proposals of reform are to be welcomed as they work in this direction.

7. An altered orthography will be unavoidably offensive to those who are first called upon to use it; but any sensible and consistent new system will rapidly win the hearty preference of the mass of writers.

VERITAS.

MAJ. DARLING'S LECTURE.

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Boston, which he complimented highly as one of the best in the service, went to their relief.

He found the 6th Illinois strongly entrenched upon a hill, and went about a half a mile further up the road with his men. They were soon fired upon, and this continued until daylight. In the morning five companies were sent up to reinforce them, and the only battle in which the regiment took part commenced. The Spanish fire was wild and generally inaccurate, as shown by the fact that while the Americans were under fire from three sides only six were wounded. Our troops, on the other hand, were cool, and rarely fired until they saw something to fire at, in consequence of which the Spaniards lost six killed and about fifty wounded, and were driven from their position.

The major spoke of the noise made by the Mauser bullet, and told an incident showing their lack of stopping power:

A member of the Southbridge company was struck in the jaw and knocked senseless. Many thought him to be killed, but he rose to his feet and took part in the charge, when he was again wounded, a bullet passing through his throat. The latter wound not only failed to stop him, but he scarcely knew that he had been hit again until the charge was over, and in two weeks he was out of the hospital.

Maj. Darling was away from Ponce, having command over a captured town, at the time the trouble resulted in the resignation of several of the officers of the regiment, arose, and had no comment to make on the affair. After the resignation of Col. Woodward, he was in command of the regiment for a week, until Col. Rice came. Of Col. Rice he spoke in terms of highest praise, commanding him as a magnificent officer and one greatly loved by his men.

There came the hard marches with a good deal of mountain climbing over what the natives called the "impassable trail," during which time it rained almost every day until they halted at a little mountain town only twenty-four hours' march from Arreco. Here the regiment remained two months and a half.

The major then described the scenes and told several incidents connected with the surrender of Arecibo, of which he was civil governor. There was much sickness among the troops here, and all were longing for home, and very welcome were the orders which finally came to return to the United States.

Various Spanish customs were described, and several letters which he had received, some while still in Porto Rico and some since his return home, were read.

At the close of the remarks a vote of thanks was passed unanimously, and his hearers, who had been greatly interested throughout, united in giving three cheers for the gallant major.

LEXINGTON.

Mr. H. P. Boutelle has commenced the erection of a one-story office building in the rear of his present block on Massachusetts avenue.

Work on the extensive residence which is being built for Mr. G. W. Taylor, on the corner of Bedford and Revere streets, has progressed quite rapidly the past few weeks.

The death of Mrs. E. O. Brown, wife of W. C. Brown, and sister of our esteemed selectman, Whittaker, died Thursday at her home on Bedford street. Mrs. Brown was subject to heart failure, which finally hastened her death. Three children survive her, A. F., Jessie T. and Winifred I. The funeral was Monday, and was conducted by Rev. C. A. Staples. There was a beautiful display of flowers.

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